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18.10 per 1,000. Four vessels arrived and were passed without inspection. Four bills of health were issued to vessels leaving the port. For the week ended May 17, 1902, he reports that 5 deaths occurred in Caibarien of the following causes: Cancer, 3; tuberculosis of lungs, 1; rickets, 1. No case of infectious or contagious character was reported. The death rate for the week was 30.16 per 1,000. Eleven vessels arrived; 1 of these was inspected and passed and 10 passed without inspection. Eight bills of health were issued to vessels leaving the port.

Respectfully,

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
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#### DENMARK.

*Danish West Indies quarantines against Barbados on account of smallpox.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, D. C., April 27, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you, in accordance with advices in a dispatch of the 9th instant from the minister to Denmark, that, owing to the appearance of smallpox in Barbados, the government of the Danish West Indies has declared a quarantine of fifteen days against that island.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,  
Secretary of State.

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

#### GERMANY.

*Report from Berlin—Plague and cholera in various countries.*

BERLIN, GERMANY, May 17, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the latest information regarding plague and cholera, obtained from the imperial health office (Kaiserliches Gesundheitsamt) at Berlin:

#### *Plague.*

EGYPT.—From April 25 to May 1, inclusive, there were registered 22 new plague cases and 13 deaths, viz, 2 cases, 1 death, in Alexandria; 12 cases, 5 deaths, in the district of Magagha, province Minieh; 2 cases, 1 death, in Benha, province Galinbieh; 2 cases in the district of Tala, province Menusieh; 1 case, 2 deaths, in Tantah, province Garbieh; 1 case, 2 deaths, in the district of Mit Sammanud, province Dakalieh; 1 case, 1 death, in Decheneh, province of Keneh, and 1 case, 1 death, in the district of Beni Mazar. Furthermore, according to an official report from Suez, a case of plague occurred on the English steamer *Victoria* during her voyage from Bombay. The patient was isolated, and on April 25 he disappeared. Probably the sick man plunged into the sea. The requisite measures for disinfection were taken.

BRITISH INDIA.—At Ratnagiri, a port in the Bombay Presidency, a case of plague, with fatal termination, was recorded on March 18. In Akyab, according to a report dated April 12, the plague has been stamped out.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—Up to May 2, 61 plague cases and 19 deaths had been registered in the protectorate.